panels by welding and removing fishplates.

4. The communication facility between station staff, diriver and guard of running rains will be provided.

5. For monitoring of the track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscilograph cars and portable accelerometers are being progressively used.

6. The condition of rolling stock has been improved. Four-wheeler wagons are being raplaced with better bogie Air-brake stock.

7. To prevent cases of cold breakage of axle, all ROH depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for timely detection of cases of flaws developing in the axles.

8. The training of staff has been given new thrust with better training facilities like projector, silides, study and discussions, of accident cases.

9. Simulators have been installed for training of dreivers. Two simulators are working, one each at Kanpur and Tughlakabad. Two more are being imported from Australia.

10. Auxiliary warning system for giving advance warning about signals at danger to driver of the running train and stopping the train if the driver does not respon within thepre-determined time interval has already been commissioned on Bombay suburban sections.

11. Instant Action Groups have been formed on certain nominated trains to check entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches and persons carrying inflammable/expllosive material.

12. The frequency of inspections and surpirse checks has been increased. More safety drives have been launched.

(b) No, Sir. South Central Railway also accords highest priority to safety aspects in train operation.

Resource Ceneration Out of Surlplus Land

1161. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for disposing of or commercial utilisation of surplus lands with the Railways for finding resource for upgrading and reinforcing the railway-lines, including conversion of small and meter-gauge lines into broad gauge, doubling of rail lines and laying additional rail lines; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of surplus lands in each railway sone; and what are the norms adopted for identifying the surplus land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (b) There is no surplus land with the Railways and there is no proposal for disposing of any land with the Railways.

With a view to raising much needed resources for development of the Railways, a proposal for the development of railway property by utilising the air space above railway land/buildings at certain selected locations was framed.

A decision on this proposal has been deferred.

पेयजल योजनाओं में अनियमितताएं

1162. **श्री कनक सिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने पेयजल संबंधी आंकड़ों का विशलेषण करते समय बड़े पैमाने पर अनियमितताएं पायी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन अनियमतिताओं के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस संबंध में 30 जून, 1995 तक केन्द्रीय स्तर पर यथा कार्यवाही की है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) (श्री उत्तमभाई एच॰ पटेल): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Pending applications for setting up Industries in Punjab

1163. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications/ proposals for setting up of new industries in Punjab pending with the Government for approval;

(b) the amount involved in these proposals;

(c) the projected employment potential thereof; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) a total number of 22 proposals for setting up industries in Punjab under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act are pending with the Government for approval.

(b) and (c) The proposed investment and employment involved in these proposals are Rs. 24806 lakhs and 9478 persons respectively.

(d) All steps are taken for speedy disposal of applications. Actual disposal of applications depends on the sectoral policy adopted by the Administrative Ministry, their recommendations in specific cases and also furnishing of relevant information by the applicants.

Letters of Intent issued for setting up industries

1164. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Letters of Intent issued to textile and leather sectors and also in other areas to set up industry during current financial year so far; and

(b) the details of these proposals including the location cost and export potentials of those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) A total number of 184 Letters of Intent have been granted under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for setting up industries in the country during the period Ist April, 1995 to 31st October, 1995. Out of these 57 are for textile sector, 19 are for leather sector and 108 are for other sectors.

(b) The details are published in the Monthly News Letter of Indian Investment Centre and STA statistics brought out by the Ministry of Industry, copies of which are regularly sent to Parliament Library. The proposed investment to be generated as per information given by the entrepreneurs (without any verification from government about the authenticity) in the Letters of Intent is Rs. 6642 crores. Entrepreneurs are required to export 75 percent of their product for the items which are reserved for small scale sector.

Decisions taken at lower courts

1165. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Jansatta' of 23rd February, 1995 under the caption "Magistrate par faisle mein herapheri Karane ka aarop";

(b) if so, the facts of the news-item;

(c) the action taken thereon; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to evaluate a percentage of such judgements of the lower courts in Delhi and to impress upon the need of being fair and impartial on the magistrates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R.